

Remarks

Claims 212-229 were pending in the application. Claims 212-229 were rejected. Claims 212, 218, and 223 are amended. Claim 214 is canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Claims 212, 213, and 215-229 are now pending. Claim 212 is the independent claim. Reconsideration of the amended application is respectfully requested.

The examiner rejected claims 212-219 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Lebby et al.

Independent claim 212 recites a mobile display device, in particular for displaying text and image information. The mobile display device includes a casing, at least one manipulation region for operation by a user, and at least one actuatable operating element. The casing has a planar display unit with at least one planar display screen disposed on a first side of the casing. The manipulation region is provided at a border zone of the display unit in such a way that the user can perform operating actions with one or more fingers of one hand. The at least one actuatable operating element is arranged within the manipulation region on a second side of the casing that faces in a direction different than the first side. Actuation of the at least one operating element individually or in combination initiates leafing-through and scrolling functions to navigate document content displayed on the display screen, scrolling functions to navigate document content displayed on the display screen, or providing functions for selection menus. The first side of the casing is a front side and the second side of the casing is a rear side. Thus, at least one actuatable operating element is arranged within

the manipulation region on a second, rear side of the casing that faces in a direction that is different than the first, front side of the casing, on which the display screen is arranged.

Lebby et al. disclose an electronic book having a different structure than that of the claimed invention. In a first embodiment, shown in Figs 1-3, the electronic book 101 includes three hollow bodies 103, 108, 112. A number of function keys 117 and a display are provided on an outer surface of the first hollow body 103. Display pages 160 are provided within the electronic book 101, between the first two hollow bodies 103, 108 and abutting the third hollow body 112.

In contrast to the claimed invention, Lebby et al., in a first embodiment, disclose function keys 117 that are disposed on the same side of the first hollow body 103 as the display, does not disclose or suggest that a display is disposed on the other hollow body 108, or disclose any reason that the display and function keys should be disposed on opposing hollow bodies. Only the display pages 160 seem to have any substantive display functionality, and these pages have no function keys or buttons. Thus, the claim requirement that the casing has a planar display unit with at least one planar display screen disposed on a first, front side of the casing, and that at least one actuatable operating element is arranged within the manipulation region on a second, rear side of the casing that faces in a direction that is different than the first side of the casing, is not disclosed or suggested by Lebby et al. in this embodiment.

In another embodiment, shown in Fig. 4, an electronic book 460 includes hollow bodies 403, 408, and 412. A number of function keys 470, a first display 450, and a second display 451 are disposed inside the electronic book, on the inner, opposing faces

of hollow bodies 403 and 408. Unlike the first embodiment, this embodiment does not have display pages inside the book. As shown, each set of function keys 417 is disposed on the same side as the respective display. Thus, the claim requirement that the casing has a planar display unit with at least one planar display screen disposed on a first, front side of the casing, and that at least one actuatable operating element is arranged within the manipulation region on a second, rear side of the casing that faces in a direction that is different than the first side of the casing, is not disclosed or suggested by Lebby et al. with respect to this embodiment.

Providing the actuatable operating elements on the rear side, facing away from the front side of the display, as recited in claim 212, provides several advantages. For example, it is not necessary to provide space for the operating elements on the display screen side of the casing of the claimed invention, and therefore essentially all of the area of the front side is available for use as a display screen. In addition, providing the operating elements on the rear side ensures that the display is not partially obstructed by hands or fingers when actuating the operating elements. The hands and fingers can be held in a natural position, such as when reading a traditional book, leaving the display portion unobscured. This ease-of-use is not possible according to either Lebby et al. arrangement, and Lebby et al. do not even suggest the claimed arrangement, preferring instead to provide function keys adjacent the display to facilitate reading the electronic book while it is laid flat on a table.

In view of the above remarks, it is submitted that Lebby et al. do not anticipate or render obvious the invention as recited in claim 212. Claims 213 and 215-229 depend

from claim 212, and therefore also are not anticipated by or rendered obvious by Lebby et al. The rejection of claims 212, 213, and 215-229, therefore, should be withdrawn

Based on the foregoing, it is submitted that the rejection has been overcome. It is therefore requested that the Amendment be entered, the claims allowed, and the case passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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